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LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit to you herewith the text of a statement issued today by my Government in relation to the announcement by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) of its intention to sever political ties with the Bosnian Serb authorities (see annex).

The Government of Croatia emphasizes that genuine progress on the territory of the former Yugoslavia, "in political terms, can be judged positive only when the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) extends full and unequivocal recognition to Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia and Macedonia within their internationally recognized borders; and in real terms, only when the Belgrade authorities begin taking concrete and sustained military and economic measures with respect to their proxies in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia". Everything short of this demands of the international community to "maintain and even increase its diplomatic and real pressure on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)".

May I request your kind assistance in distributing the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladimir DROBNJAK
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Statement regarding the announcement by the Belgrade authorities of their intention to sever political ties with the Bosnian Serbs issued on 5 August 1994 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Croatia

The Government of the Republic of Croatia considers the recent decision by the Belgrade authorities to be a small step in the right direction, but a highly insufficient one: Belgrade apparently has proclaimed the suspension of its political ties with the Bosnian Serb leadership, but it has not even verbally severed political ties with its equally belligerent proxies in the occupied territories of the Republic of Croatia.

Before making any judgements on the future deliberations and decisions within the Contact Group and the Security Council, the international community, and the Republic of Croatia in particular, have yet to see what concrete measures will be undertaken by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to withhold the real support and aid, that is military and economic assistance, from its proxies in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. The international community first has to monitor and evaluate how these measures might affect the situation on the ground and how lasting the impact and consequences are going to be.

In this respect, the Government of Croatia wishes to emphasize that strict monitoring and effective control of borders between FRY and Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia is of paramount importance in bringing about a real change in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Croatian occupied territories.

Therefore, the Government of Croatia calls on the international community, and the Contact Group in particular, to persevere in its present effort, maintain and even increase its diplomatic and real pressure on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) until, in a similar manner, Belgrade clearly and irrevocably demonstrates its good intentions by severing ties with the self-proclaimed authorities in the occupied territories of Croatia, thus making its first meaningful contribution to peaceful reintegration of the United Nations Protected Areas.

Welcoming the recent announcement from Belgrade, no matter how insufficient it is, the Government of Croatia wishes to remind all relevant parties that genuine progress, in political terms, can be judged positive only when the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) extends full and unequivocal recognition to Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia and Macedonia within their internationally recognized borders; and, in real terms, only when the Belgrade authorities begin taking concrete and sustained military and economic measures with respect to their proxies in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.

The Government of Croatia believes that, if the recent announcement from Belgrade is to be taken as a bona fide acceptance of the Contact Group peace plan in its entirely, including the reference made to the United Nations

Protected Areas, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) should immediately proceed to the next logical step and demonstrate its peaceful intentions by recognizing the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and, in accordance with, inter alia, the decision taken at Naples by the Group of 7 plus 1, all other former Yugoslav republics, specifically Croatia. Thus the stage would be set for a peaceful and lasting resolution of the crisis.